

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. LB 593 is next.

CLERK: LB 593, Senator, I have no E & R. I do have an amendment, however, from Senator Vrtiska. Senator, first of all, AM0511, I have a note you want to substitute AM0571. Is that consistent with your understanding?

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Madam President, members of the body, I had AM0324 originally with this bill for the purpose of indicating that all of the costs that would be borne by the state, after talking with the...a Joe Steele from the Court Administrator's office, he tells me that it's an item of about a million six...\$1,600,000 that the counties are now absorbing of the costs and because I felt that the state at this time could not absorb those costs, I wish to withdraw that amendment and in place of it place AM0571 on the bill. First of all, I would like to ask for withdrawal of the other amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment is withdrawn.

CLERK: Senator, I now have your AM0571.

SENATOR VRTISKA: This amendment is simply to clarify in the bill that those costs...excuse me, those items that were purchased by counties and there are some counties who have gone ahead and purchased some equipment such as computers and those kinds of equipment that were purchased and paid for by the county. And, since it is a state function, it is our intention to make sure that those items, if and when there is a change or the new equipment is purchased that the county will, in fact, retain that property as their own. And that's all this amendment does. I ask for its advancement...or for its acceptance to the bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Madam President, and members, Senator Vrtiska and I discussed this amendment. It does makes sense, just clarifies that equipment owned by the county prior to this area being explicitly set forth in statute would clearly be...continue to be owned by the county. I support the amendment and I intend to vote for it.